REMARKS

The Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required restriction of the claims of this application under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to a single invention – compounds, compositions, and methods of use, comprising a compound of the invention containing a specific heterocyclic substituent. The Examiner has identified nine groups, each containing a single heterocyclic substituent.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants elect without traverse, for further prosecution in the present application, claims 3, 8-12, 14-15, 18-23, and 25-37, drawn to pyridine compounds of formula (Ie) or (Ig). Applicants make the above election expressly without waiver of the right to file for and obtain claims directed to the non-elected subject matter in divisional or continuing applications claiming priority and benefit herefrom, or from a related application, under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

Election of Species

The Examiner has also required the election of a single species within the elected group for prosecution on the merits.

In response to this requirement, applicants elect compound 305, depicted in Table 4 at specification page 41:

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Claims 3, 8, 9-10, 14-15, 18-20, 23, and 25-37 read on the elected species.

Conclusion

In view of the above, applicants request that the Examiner enter the above amendment and examine claims 3, 8-12, 14-15, 18-23, and 25-37 in this application.

Applicants request favorable consideration and early allowance of the pending claims.

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